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Operational

Monthly Progress Report - HATHOR

1. Since contact was reestablished with HATHOR about three months ago, the case officer has seen him approximately once a week. On the basis of these interviews, it is possible to supply a more detailed picture of his character, potential capabilities, intellectual qualities, and general status, and it can be stated that the recommendations which accompanied him from Bern were in no way exaggerated. HATHOR's past history is too well known to necessitate any further analysis of him, and it need only be pointed out that he gives the impression of a person unusually well-balanced politically, morally, and intellectually, and that it should be possible to develop him into an exceptionally trustworthy and useful agent.

2. The quality of information HATHOR is capable of supplying cannot be judged on the basis of material available to KOB at present. In place of unevaluated current information, therefore, a copy of a report on the German intelligence services, written for the Bern office in 1944, is attached as a foundation for conclusions and predictions on the quality of material which may be expected from him in the future.

3. HATHOR's personal situation was greatly improved the first week in May when he finally achieved his denazification with flying colors and was placed in Category V. His present case officer gave no assistance, but a letter from the American Legation in Bern was produced as evidence. The successful completion of his denazification removes the last barrier to HATHOR's employment in the German police, and the only question remaining is that of placement in the office providing the greatest benefit both to us and to him.

4. Since the German police today can hardly be considered in an ideal or usable condition and changes in organization are to be foreseen in the not too distant future, it may be worthwhile to hold HATHOR

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inactive temporarily until more permanent structures have been established. Only if immediate police penetration is considered urgent, which it apparently is not, should HATHOR be wasted in a minor position where his value to us would be lessened by the pressure of daily duties. If he were employed now, he might identify a few minor Communists and render us a few services, but on the whole he would probably not produce much information of value.

5. At the present time he is engaged on a lengthy and detailed study of the police in the Russian Zone, pursued with the help of his many close friends in police departments throughout Germany. Not only does this work not require his actual employment with the police, but he could not accomplish it if he were fulfilling full-time obligations. It is expected that the report will be finished by the end of May. He can undertake similar studies of the Russian or other zones from time to time.

6. At the case officer's request, a letter from the War Department Detachment will be addressed to Mr. O'Steene, OMGH Public Safety Officer, requesting Military Government assistance in obtaining a *Zusugsgenehmigung* for HATHOR. The case officer will hold the letter until the proper time for presenting it.

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